

SECTION 1. MULTIYEAR CONTRACTING AUTHORITY FOR THE C-17 AIRCRAFT PROGRAM.

(a) MULTIYEAR CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the Air Force may, pursuant to section 2306b of title 10, United States Code (except as provided in subsection (b)(1)), enter into one or more multiyear contracts for the procurement of not more than a total of 80 C-17 aircraft.

(b) CONTRACT PERIOD.—(1) Notwithstanding section 2306(b)(k) of title 10, United States Code, the period covered by a contract entered into on a multiyear basis under the authority of subsection (a) may exceed five years, but may not exceed seven years.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not be construed as prohibiting the Secretary of the Air Force from entering into a multiyear contract for a period of less than seven years. In determining to do so, the Secretary shall consider whether—

(A) sufficient funding is provided for in the future-years defense program for procurement, within the shorter period of the total number of aircraft to be procured (within the number set forth in subsection (a)); and

(B) the contractor is capable of delivering that total number of aircraft within the shorter period.

(c) OPTION TO CONVERT TO ONE-YEAR PROCUREMENTS.—EACH MULTIYEAR CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF C-17 AIRCRAFT AUTHORIZED BY SUBSECTION (A) SHALL INCLUDE A CLAUSE THAT PERMITS THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE—

(1) to terminate the contract as of September 30, 1998, without a modification in the price of each aircraft and without incurring any obligation to pay the contractor termination costs; and

(2) to then enter into follow-on one-year contracts with the contractor for the procurement of C-17 aircraft (within the total number of aircraft authorized under subsection (a)) at a negotiated price that is not to exceed the price that is negotiated before September 30, 1998, for the annual production contract for the C-17 aircraft in lot VIII and subsequent lots.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 20, 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 20; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and, under the previous order, the Senate will then resume consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 57, the budget resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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Mr. LOTT. On Monday the Senate will resume consideration of the budget resolution. Senators are expected to offer amendments to the resolution throughout the day on Monday. Any votes ordered on those amendments on Monday will be in order to occur on Tuesday. Therefore, for the information of all Senators, no rollcall votes

will occur on Monday; however, Senators are encouraged to offer their amendments prior to Tuesday. It is the intention of the leadership to complete action on the budget on Tuesday, and numerous rollcall votes are expected to occur that day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the remarks of the Senator from New Hampshire, Senator SMITH, and the Senator from South Carolina, Senator THURMOND.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

Mr. SMITH addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE F. COURTOVICH

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to George F. Courtovich of Stratham, NH. It was just 1 year ago that my wife and I attended this young man's funeral in New Hampshire. George died at an early age of 33, leaving behind his wife Debbie, daughter Colleen, parents, George and Dorothy, and brother Jim.

I think nothing is harder than consoling a mother, a father, a wife, a brother, on the tragic loss, such an early and unexpected loss, of someone who was so close and loved and so young. However, my wife Mary Jo and I were able to learn so much more about George at his wake and funeral from his friends, colleagues, and family who had gathered to mourn his death.

George had a youthful zeal for life that touched many in his community. From the senior citizens to whom he brought food to on holidays to the people in need he helped as a volunteer EMT in his hometown, George made a difference. George was a volunteer looking to help. He strived to make the quality of life better for not only his family but his community.

George also was a ski instructor at Loon Mountain on weekends, helping others learn a sport that he had mastered. He even took on the task of teaching the senior Senator from Texas how to navigate on the snowy slopes of New Hampshire. This is a task daunting for even the most experienced ski instructor, but one George spoke of with honor, and, frankly, a little humor.

George lived his life to the fullest always looking to move forward and to bring others with him. To see the numbers of people who turned out for his funeral, it was clear that the people who knew him had profound respect for what George did for his family and community.

It is because of people like George Courtovich that we are here today, Mr. President. The hard working people of this country who contribute to their community, raise their families, help their neighbors, make this country what it is today. It is easy to find reasons why one cannot participate in their community or volunteer to help others. It is much easier than it is to become active in such endeavors. George did not take the easy route and for that he left this world as an example for others. He left too early, but was able to live three lifetimes before he did.

No, George is not with us today but his memory and example of leadership and charity are. I join the Courtovich family as they prepare to celebrate his life at the morning mass on Tuesday, May 21, in honor of their son, brother, husband, and father at St. Michael's Church in Exeter, NH.

ADM. MIKE BOORDA

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, it is with a very heavy heart and a profound sadness that I take the floor today to pay tribute to a good friend, Adm. Mike Boorda. As my colleagues know, Admiral Boorda apparently took his life yesterday near his home on the grounds of the Washington Navy Yard.

Mike Boorda was an inspiration to those of us who care about military matters and who strive to improve the quality of life of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines. He was also an inspiration to our enlisted ranks, to whom he demonstrated by example that hard work, dedication and commitment can pay off. My dad was a naval aviator in World War II. Like my dad, Mike Boorda was a Mustang, he was an enlisted man who rose from the enlisted ranks to become an officer. So I had a special appreciation for what Mike Boorda did. His career is a modern day success story. He was the first enlisted man to rise up through the ranks, become an officer, and become the Chief of Naval Operations. He was the first one in the history of America. From his enlistment in the U.S. Navy in 1956 through his service as Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Mike Boorda epitomized our Nation's finest. He was truly a remarkable man.

Many of my colleagues have described Admiral Boorda's distinguished professional history. It is a career rich in diversity, long on accomplishment.

I ask unanimous consent at this point that Admiral Boorda's curriculum vitae be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows.

ADM. JEREMY MICHAEL BOORDA, U.S. NAVY,
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Admiral Boorda, born in South Bend, Indiana, in November 1939, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1956. He attained the rate of petty officer first class, serving at a number of commands, primarily in aviation. His last two enlisted assignments were in Attack